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AMENDMENT AND REPLY AND ONE-MONTH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2008, this Amendment and Reply is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a ONE-MONTH Petition for an Extension of Time. Please amend the above-identified application as provided below, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.